




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Wait-Time Guarantee

 **Mr DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (2.50 pm): More than 24 hours ago I called on the Leader of the Opposition to release documents to substantiate his claim in relation to the wait-time guarantee made in a debate on this parliament on 19 May. Let us recall what he said. On that day he stated—

This program was a \$500 million program and it was properly costed; the money was there.

That is what he said. Since I called on the Leader of the Opposition to release those documents, cue the crickets again—nothing from the fixer. He has done absolutely nothing to release those documents. He has done nothing to prove the claim he made in the parliament on 19 May. Let us recall what he said. He stated—

This program was a \$500 million program and it was properly costed; the money was there.

These were not ambiguous claims made by the Leader of the Opposition. They are not open to multiple interpretations. As the Cabinet Handbook makes clear, these statements could only be made in circumstances where a fully funded, fully costed policy proposal had been submitted, considered, and determined and agreed on by the cabinet of Queensland. That is the only way you could support such a claim in this parliament. For someone who has been in this House for a quarter of a century—

A government member: How long?

Mr DICK: Twenty-five years. At least he should know that much. He likes to talk the talk when it comes to integrity and accountability. He likes to talk the talk, but today he needs to walk the walk. That is what he needs to do. Can I say to the member for Southern Downs: now is the time to come clean—

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, please direct your comments through the chair.

Mr DICK: I say to the Leader of the Opposition: come clean, tell the truth and release the cabinet documents. That is what he needs to do. If it were properly costed, maybe he could ask the member for Clayfield, the former treasurer. If Treasury had done its job properly it would have properly costed that program before \$500 million was allocated to it. I call on the former treasurer to assist the Leader of the Opposition, whose responsibility it is to release former government cabinet documents, to ensure those documents are released immediately.

It is about time the Leader of the Opposition stopped lecturing to other people about integrity and accountability. He should stop the bluster. He should stop the innuendo. He should put away the 2007 documents that he was talking about in the parliament. He was talking about documents eight years old in the parliament yesterday. Put away the 2007 documents, Leader of the Opposition, and release the 2014 documents. Put up, Leader of the Opposition, and substantiate the claims you made in the parliament.